

# RICE'S

PRESENTS

## The Adventures of **PETER WHEAT**



**T**HE STILL MORNING AIR OF THE WHEAT KINGDOM IS SHATTERED BY THE SCREECHING OF BLUE JAY...

SCREECH!  
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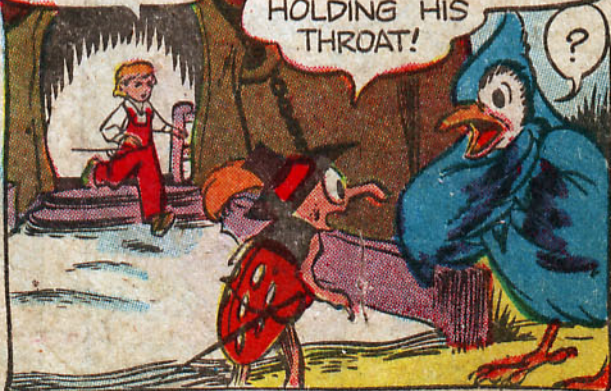
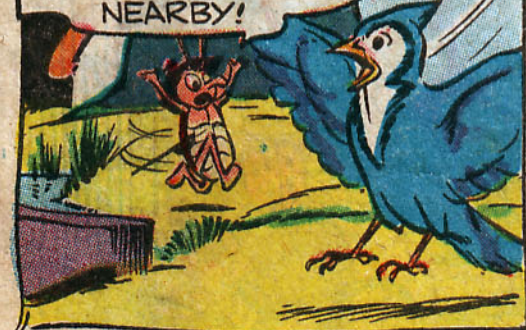
WHAT IS IT,  
BLUE JAY?  
WHAT'S WRONG?

YEAH! WHAT'S UP?  
YOU NEVER SCREECH  
LIKE THAT UNLESS  
THERE'S **DANGER**  
NEARBY!

BE...  
E...

WHAT'D HE SAY,  
BEETLE?

NOTHING! HE'S JUST  
STANDING HERE,  
HOLDING HIS  
THROAT!







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MAYBE HE SCREECHED SO LOUD  
TO WARN US ABOUT SOMETHING  
THAT HE STRAINED HIS VOCAL  
CORDS AND **CAN'T**  
**TALK!**

THAT'S  
IT!



IF THERE'S DANGER, WE CAN'T  
WAIT FOR YOUR VOICE TO RE-  
TURN, BLUE JAY! CAN YOU  
LEAD US TO WHAT YOU WANTED  
TO TELL US ABOUT?

HE SHOOK  
HIS HEAD  
"YES!"

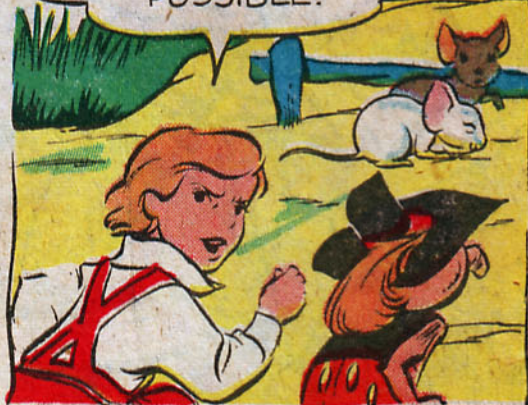


TO OUR MOUNTS,  
BEETLE! MAKE  
HASTE!

WHAT'S  
GOING  
ON?

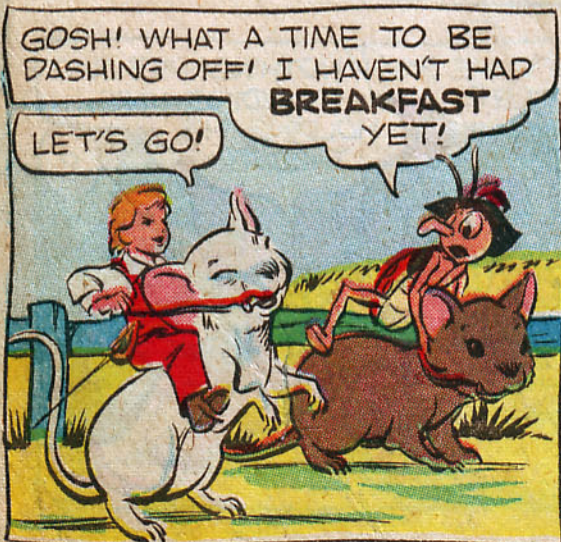


WE DON'T KNOW YET!  
WE'LL LET YOU WHEAT FOLK  
KNOW AS SOON AS  
POSSIBLE!



GOSH! WHAT A TIME TO BE  
DASHING OFF! I HAVEN'T HAD  
**BREAKFAST**  
YET!

LET'S GO!



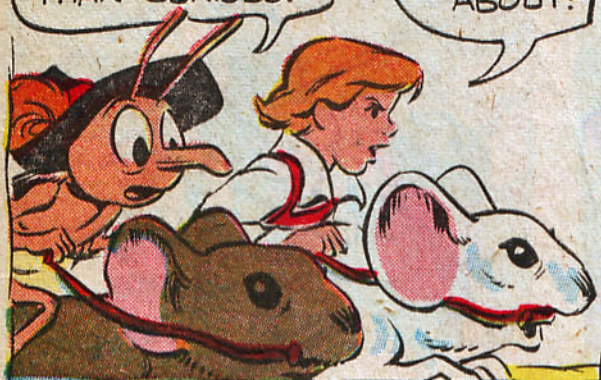
NOTHING LIKE A MORNING  
GALLOP TO SHARPEN UP THE  
APPETITE, BEETLE!





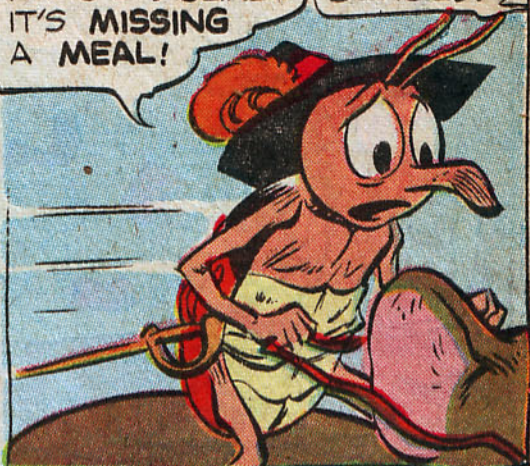
BLUE JAY IS HEADING FOR THE LAKE! I'M CURIOUS TO KNOW WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT!

I'M MORE **HUNGRY** THAN CURIOUS!

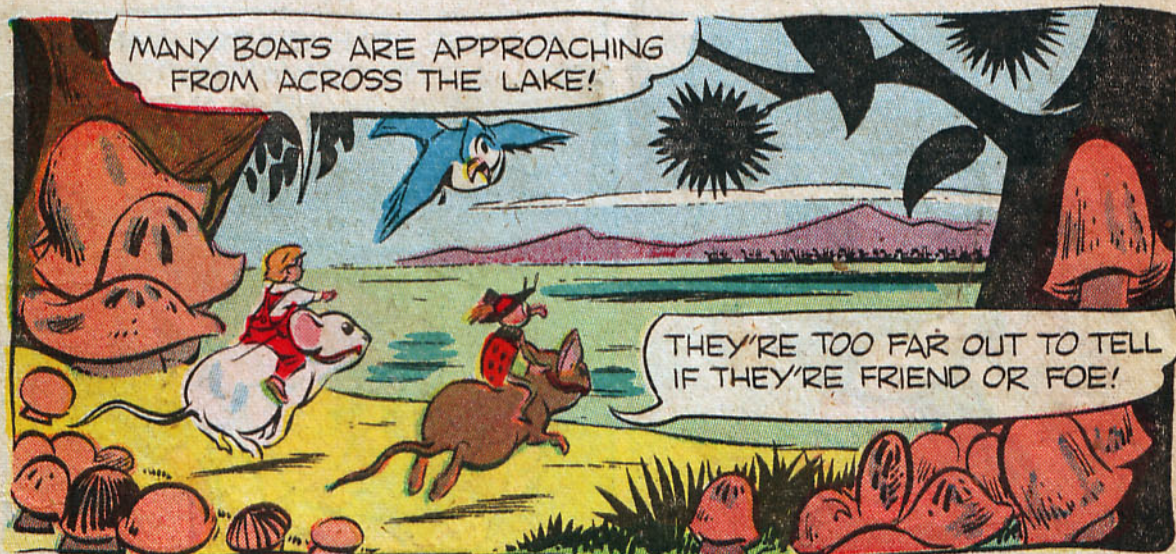


IF THERE'S ONE THING I DISLIKE... IT'S **MISSING** A MEAL!

**BEHOLD!**



MANY BOATS ARE APPROACHING FROM ACROSS THE LAKE!

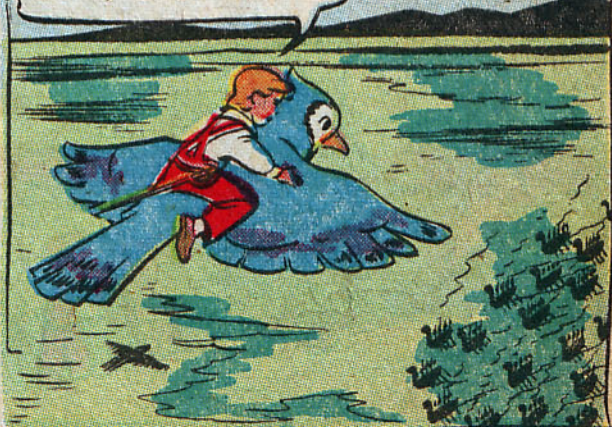


THEY'RE TOO FAR OUT TO TELL IF THEY'RE FRIEND OR FOE!



I'LL SOON FIND OUT! WAIT HERE, BEETLE!

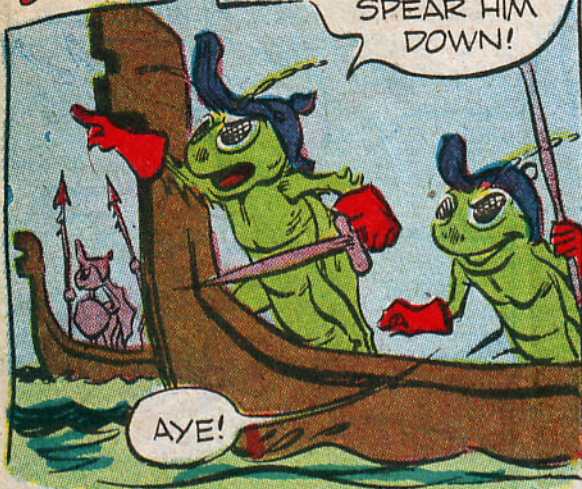
WHATEVER THEY ARE - THERE'RE PLENTY **OF** THEM! SWOOP DOWN LOW, BLUE JAY!





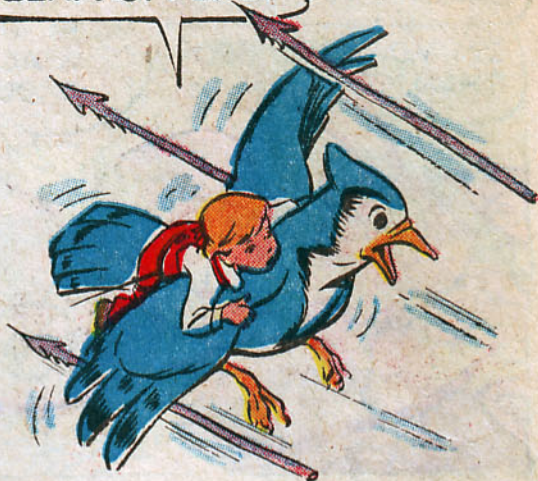
**B**ELOW...

IT'S PETER WHEAT!  
SPEAR HIM  
DOWN!

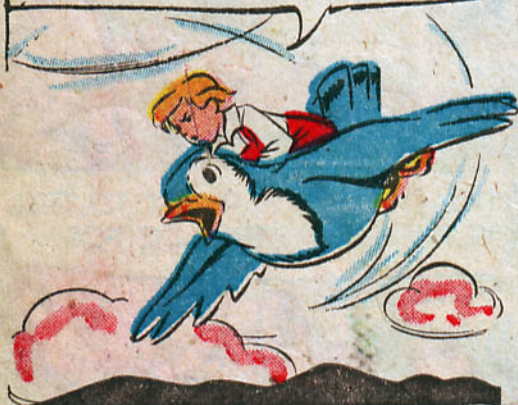


AYE!

ZOUNDS! IT'S AN **ARMY** OF **GIANT**  
**LEAFHOPPERS!**



BACK TO OUR SHORE, BLUE JAY—  
AND **FAST!** WE'VE GOT TO SET  
UP A DEFENSE OF SOME SORT!

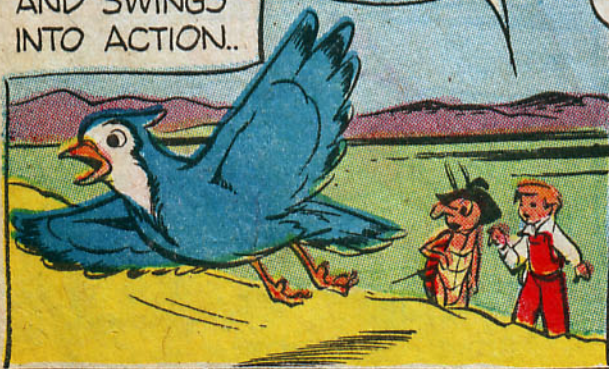


IF THOSE LEAFHOPPERS MANAGE  
TO LAND ON OUR SHORE, THEY'LL  
SOON DESTROY OUR PLANT LIFE!  
THEY FEED ON THE SAP IN PLANTS,  
WHICH CAUSES WILTING AND  
OTHER SERIOUS DAMAGE!



**B**ACK ASHORE,  
PETER  
EXPLAINS THE  
SITUATION  
AND SWINGS  
INTO ACTION..

BRING **FROG** BACK  
AS SOON AS  
POSSIBLE,  
BLUE JAY!



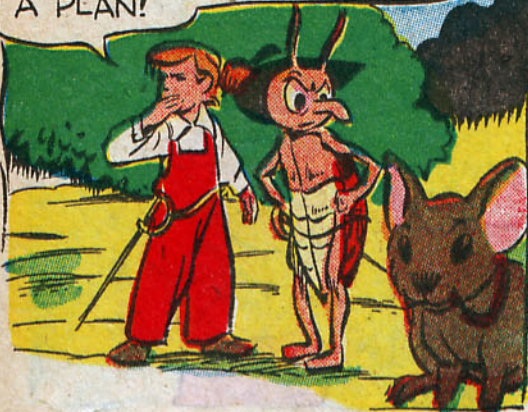
IF FROG CAN SWIM  
OUT AND UPSET A  
FEW BOATS, IT'LL  
DELAY THEIR  
ARRIVAL!

BUT  
NOT  
FOR  
LONG!



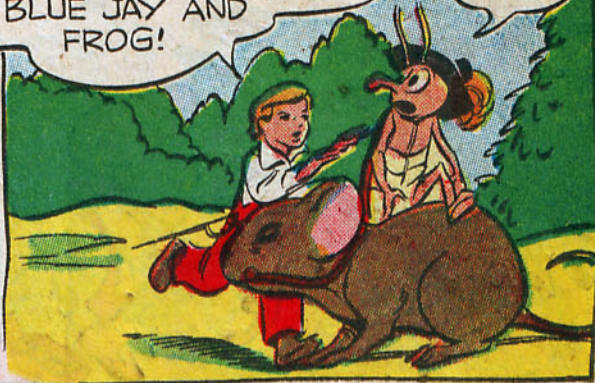


IF WE COULD ONLY BATTLE THEM OUT ON THE WATER...  
HM-M! I THINK I HAVE A PLAN!

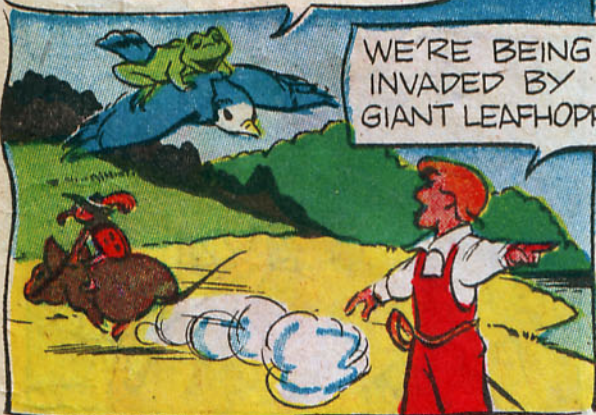


QUICKLY, BEETLE! RIDE TO THE VILLAGE AND BRING BACK **TERENCE TERMITE**! I'LL WAIT HERE FOR BLUE JAY AND FROG!

HERE THEY COME NOW!



WHAT'S UP PETER? I COULDN'T GET ANYTHING OUT OF BLUE JAY! HE JUST SWOOPED ME UP!



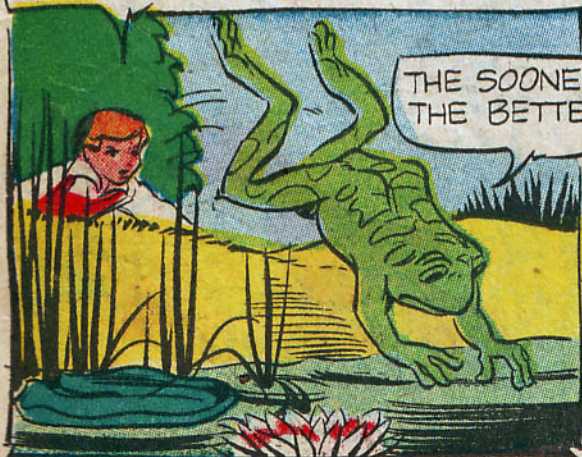
WE'RE BEING INVADED BY GIANT LEAFHOPPERS!

I NEED TIME TO WORK OUT A PLAN! DO YOU THINK YOU COULD SWIM OUT AND TIP OVER A FEW BOATS TO DELAY THEM?



I'LL SURE TRY!

GOOD LUCK, FROG! WE'LL BE OUT TO JOIN YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!



THE SOONER THE BETTER!

PETER! MY **VOICE** JUST CAME BACK! I CAN **TALK** AGAIN!



GOOD! THEN YOU CAN TAKE A MESSAGE!



TELL THE FOLK OF THE WHEAT KINGDOM TO BRING ALL THE WHEAT THEY CAN CARRY OR HAUL!

THAT'LL BE OUR LAST DEFENSE IN CASE MY OTHER PLAN FAILS!



AH! HERE COMES TERENCE TERMITE!



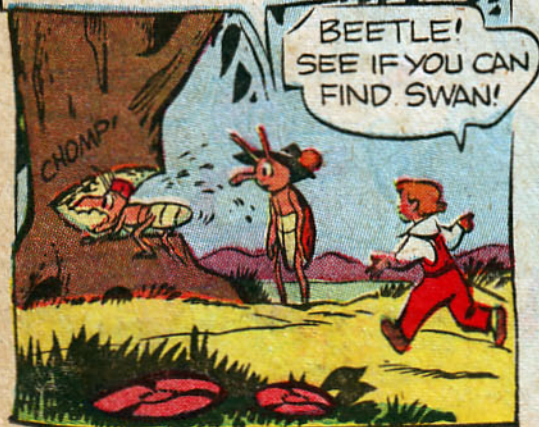
QUICKLY, TERENCE! DROP THAT TREE IN THE WATER! I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT I HAVE IN MIND WHEN WE GO ALONG!



THIS IS **DELICIOUS!** GOOD THING I DIDN'T HAVE BREAKFAST BEFORE YOU PICKED ME UP, BEETLE!



DON'T MENTION BREAKFAST! I HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO **HAVE** MINE YET!



BEETLE! SEE IF YOU CAN FIND SWAN!

GOOD WORK, TERENCE - NOW HERE'S WHAT I WANT YOU TO DO NEXT!



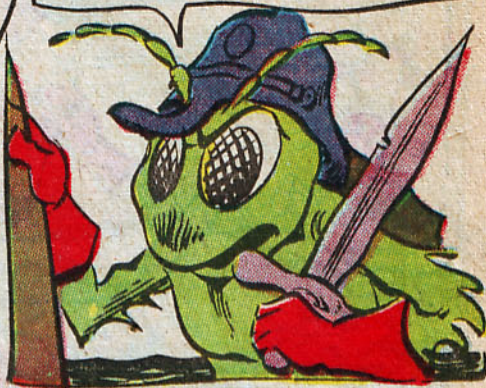
SWAN! HERE, SWAN!



MEANWHILE, THE INVADING ARMY CONTINUES ITS STEADY APPROACH.

FASTER, MEN! THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT THAT PETER WHEAT IS UP TO, NOW THAT HE'S SPOTTED US!

BUT ONCE WE GET ASHORE, HE WON'T HAVE A **CHANCE** AGAINST US, AND HE KNOWS IT!



YEOW!

WE'RE UPSETTING!

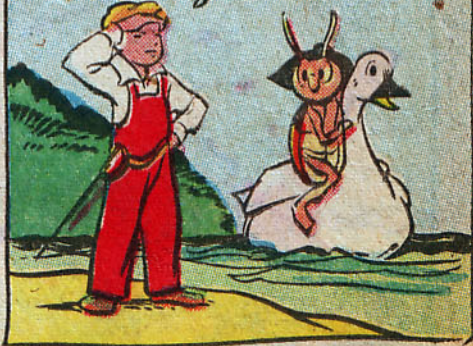


BEHOLD! A FROG FROM THE WHEAT KINGDOM!

CRISSCROSS YOUR SPEARS UNDER THE BOATS, MEN. THAT'LL STOP HIM!



FROG HAS THEM STOPPED TEMPORARILY! I HOPE HE DOESN'T TAKE ANY NEEDLESS RISKS!



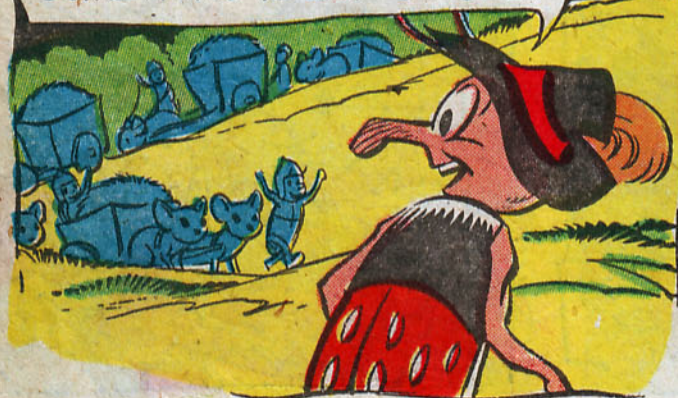


WHAT CAN I  
DO TO HELP  
PETER?

NOTHING AT THE MOMENT, SWAN!  
BUT TERENCE IS INSIDE THE LOG  
NOW - HOLLOWING IT OUT! AS SOON  
AS HE FINISHES, WE'LL NEED  
YOU FOR PADDLING!



HERE COME THE WHEAT FOLK WITH  
GOBS OF WHEAT, PETER! ARE WE  
GOING TO MILL IT AND HAVE  
SOMETHING TO EAT—I HOPE?



NO! HAVE THEM SPREAD  
IT OUT ALONG THE SHORE!  
AND HAVE TORCHES  
READY AND WAITING!



OUT ON THE  
LAKE, FROG  
HAS CHANGED  
HIS TACTICS...

DRAT IT! HE'S  
LEAPING **OVER**  
AND PUSHING US  
OFF ONE BY ONE!



AND IF WE PULL OUR  
SPEARS OUT FROM UNDER,  
HE'LL UPSET OUR BOATS!

WE'LL FIX HIM!





NEXT TIME HE JUMPS  
OUT, EVERYBODY COME  
UP WITH THEIR SPEARS!



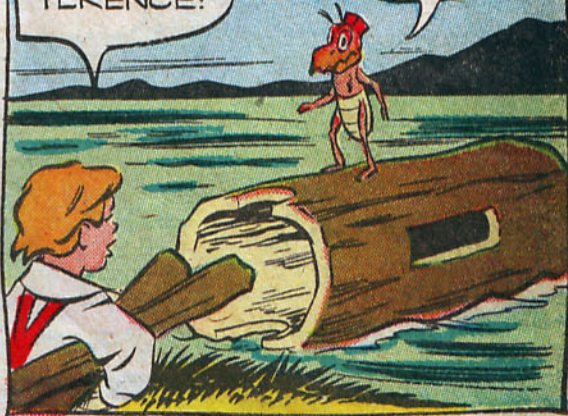
PETER!  
FROG WAS  
JUST  
STUNNED  
BY A  
BLOW!

AFTER HIM, BLUE JAY!  
GOOD THING YOU  
WERE LOOKING THAT  
WAY WITH YOUR  
KEEN EYES!



I HAVE  
THE POLES  
READY,  
TERENCE!

SHE'S READY  
TO SHOVE  
OFF!



I SEE FROG! HE'S  
SINKING TO THE  
BOTTOM!



I HOPE  
I CAN  
REACH  
HIM IN  
TIME!







IF I CAN JUST  
GET HIM ON MY  
BACK, ALL  
WILL BE  
WELL!

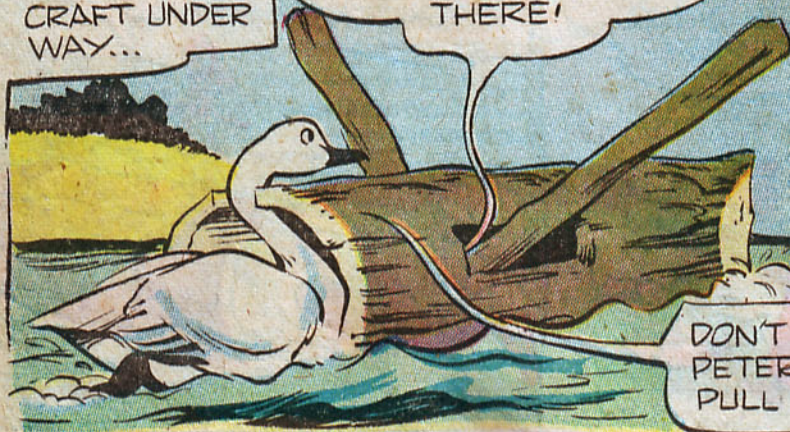
WHEW! WHAT  
HAPPENED?

YOU ZIGGED  
WHEN YOU  
SHOULD HAVE  
ZAGGED,  
FROG!



**M**EANWHILE,  
PETER HAS  
HIS ATTACK  
CRAFT UNDER  
WAY...

PADDLE FAST, SWAN! YOU  
WON'T HAVE MUCH  
PROTECTION BACK  
THERE!

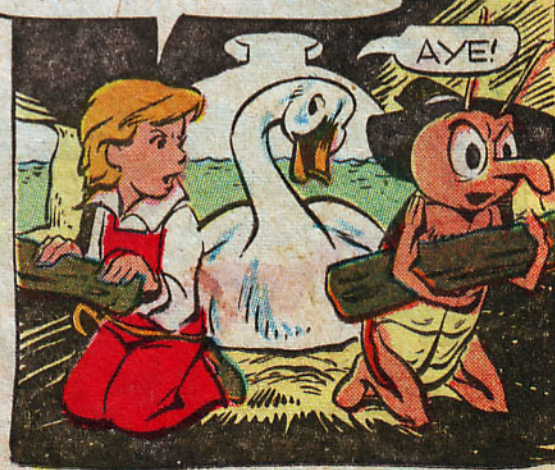


DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME,  
PETER-I CAN ALWAYS  
PULL MY HEAD IN!



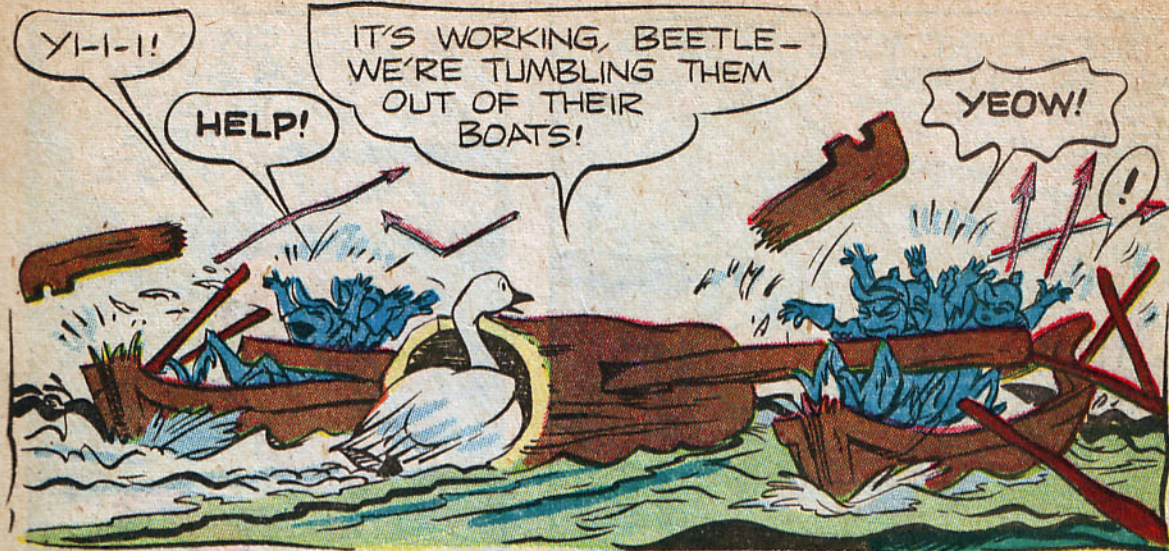
BEHOLD! WHAT SORT  
OF THING IS THIS?  
**ON GUARD  
MEN!**

GO RIGHT BETWEEN THE FIRST  
TWO BOATS, SWAN!



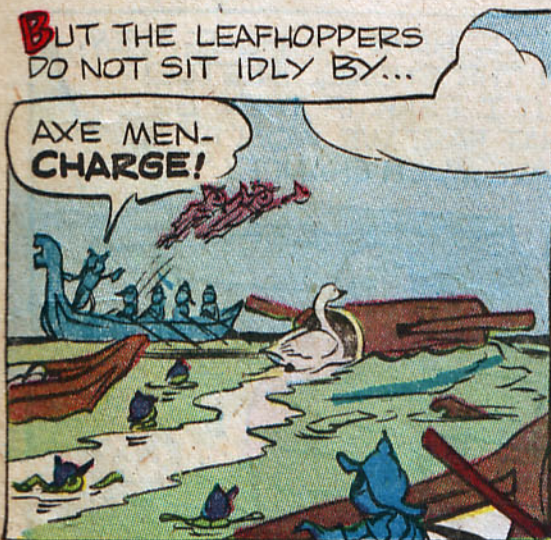
AYE!





**B**UT THE LEAFHOPPERS DO NOT SIT IDLY BY...

**AXE MEN-CHARGE!**



WITH A TREMENDOUS HOP THEY LAND ON TOP OF PETER'S CRAFT...

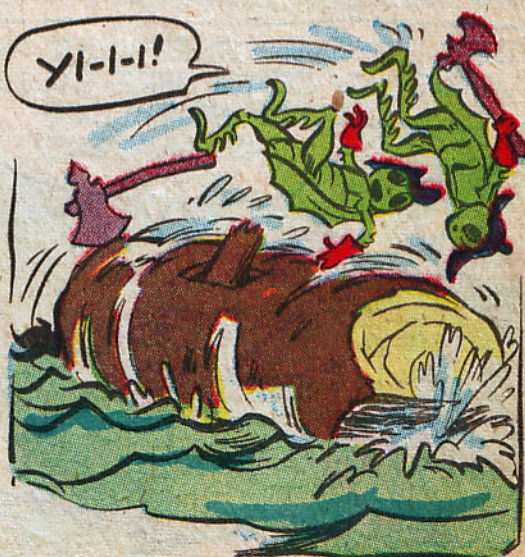
SO MUCH FOR THESE RAMMING POLES!



HOLD ON! I'M GOING TO ROLL THE LOG OVER AND SPILL THEM OFF BEFORE THEY CAN CHOP ANY MORE!



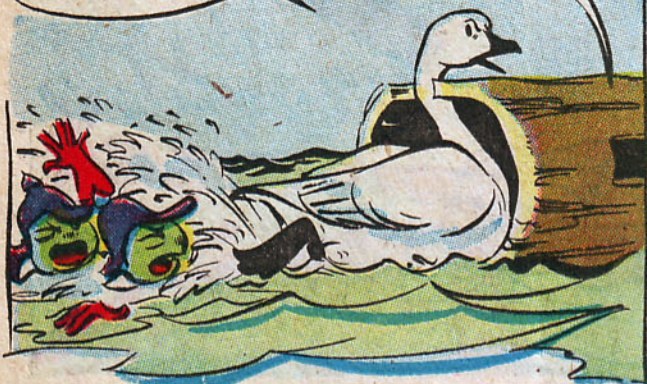
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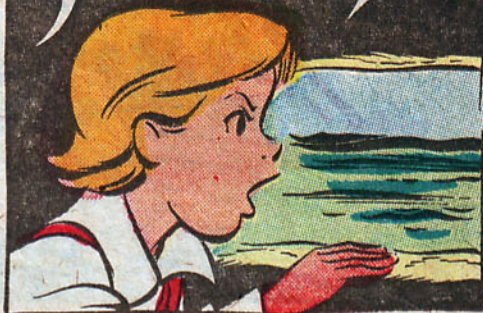
HERE'S A BIT MORE  
WATER - IN CASE  
YOU'RE NOT WET  
ENOUGH!

QUICK,  
SWAN...

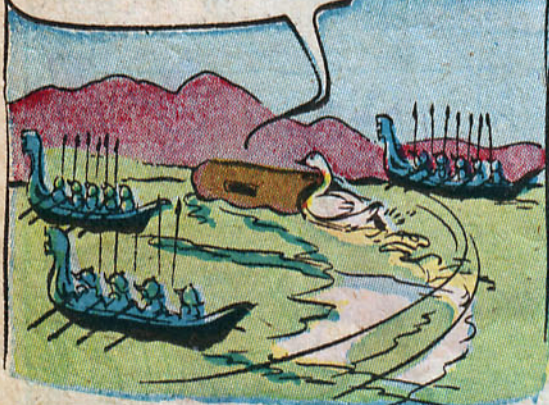


THE LEAFHOPPERS ARE  
HEADING FOR SHORE!  
WE'VE GOT TO GET  
THERE  
FIRST!

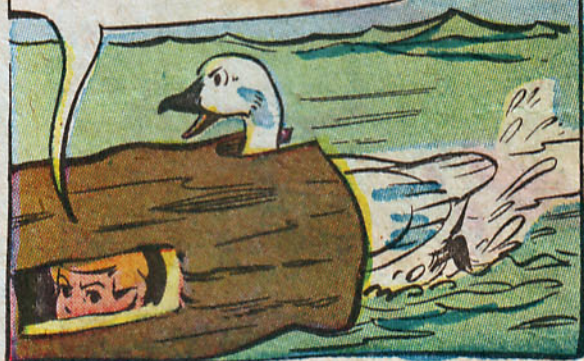
WE WILL!



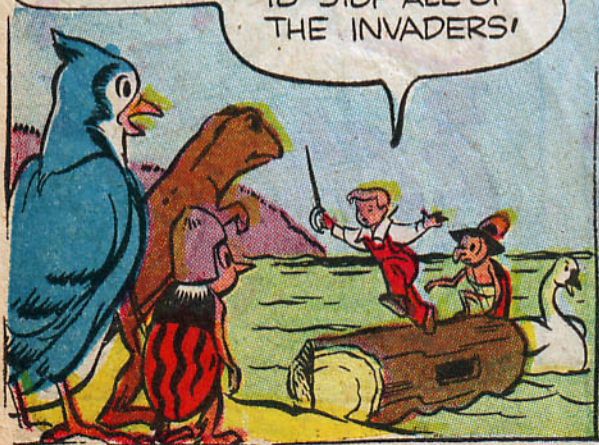
WOW! WHAT SPEED! THEY  
SEEM TO BE STANDING  
STILL, SWAN!



WE'LL HAVE TO FIGHT THEM  
ON THE SHORE, BEETLE!  
BUT I FEAR IF THEY GET  
THAT FAR, WE WON'T  
HAVE MUCH CHANCE!



TORCHES, EVERYONE! LIGHT THE  
WHEAT! MY CRAFT HERE FAILED  
TO STOP ALL OF  
THE INVADERS!



SOON...

THAT DID IT, PETER!  
THEY STOPPED! EVEN  
**THEY** KNOW THEY CAN'T  
LEAP OVER THESE HIGH  
FLAMES WITHOUT DISASTROUS  
RESULTS!





THE ONLY DRAWBACK IS — WE'RE BURNING UP GREAT AMOUNTS OF GOOD WHEAT! THEY'RE LIABLE TO WAIT OFFSHORE UNTIL OUR WHEAT SUPPLY IS EXHAUSTED!



THEIR CAPTAIN IS KEEPING THEM FROM TURNING BACK! IF I COULD CHALLENGE HIM TO A DUEL AND WIN...

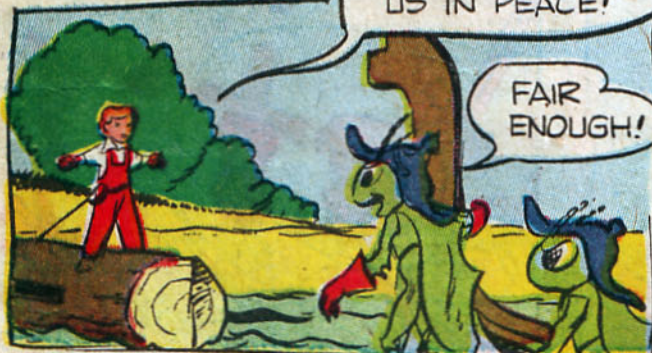


NO, PETER! WE'VE HEARD TALES OF HIS DUELING ABILITY!

BUT PETER DOESN'T HESITATE! FLOATING OUT ON HIS LOG CRAFT, HE MAKES HIS CHALLENGE...

...AND IF **YOU** WIN, YOU AND YOUR WARRIORS MAY HAVE THE WHEAT KINGDOM! IF I WIN, YOU LEAVE US IN PEACE!

THIS WON'T TAKE LONG! I'VE NEVER BEEN BESTED IN A DUEL—AND YOU'LL SOON SEE WHY!



FAIR ENOUGH!



THE BATTLE IS FAST AND FURIOUS...

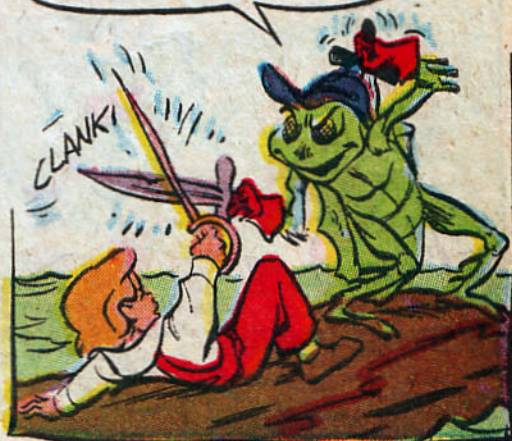
YOU CAN DO IT!

AND NOW FOR A LITTLE **SURPRISE!**



YEA, PETER!

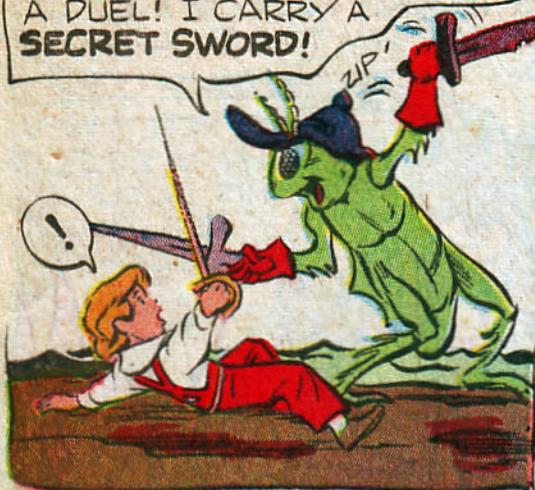
CLANK! CLANK!



CLANK!



HERE'S WHY I NEVER LOSE  
A DUEL! I CARRY A  
**SECRET SWORD!**



**B**UT, AS THE LEAFHOPPER STRIKES,  
PETER LURCHES  
TO ONE SIDE,  
AND THE SWORD  
IS PLUNGED INTO  
THE LOG...



YOU'RE BACK TO **ONE** SWORD  
AGAIN, CAPTAIN! YOU'LL NEVER  
PULL YOUR EXTRA  
SWORD FREE!



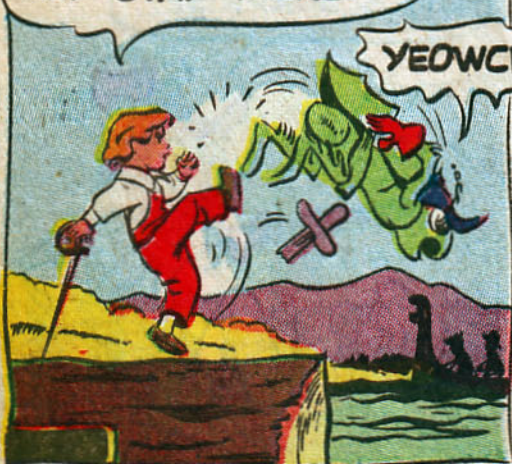
TAKE  
THAT!

YEOW! SPARE  
ME! WE'LL  
GO! WE'LL  
GO!



BACK TO YOUR FAR SHORE  
AND **STAY** THERE!

YEOWCH!



HOORAY!  
PETER  
WON!

THE LEAFHOPPERS  
ARE PADDLING OFF!

YEA,  
PETER!





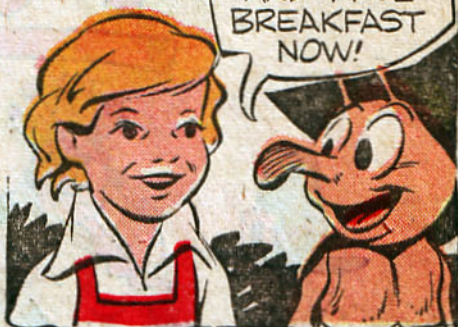
YOU CAN LET THE FIRES DIE OUT!  
I THINK WE'VE SEEN THE LAST OF  
THOSE LEAFHOPPERS  
FOR A WHILE!

WE WERE WORRIED  
WHEN HE PULLED  
OUT THAT EXTRA  
SWORD, PETER!



FRANKLY SO WAS I! I  
WAS LUCKY TO WIN!

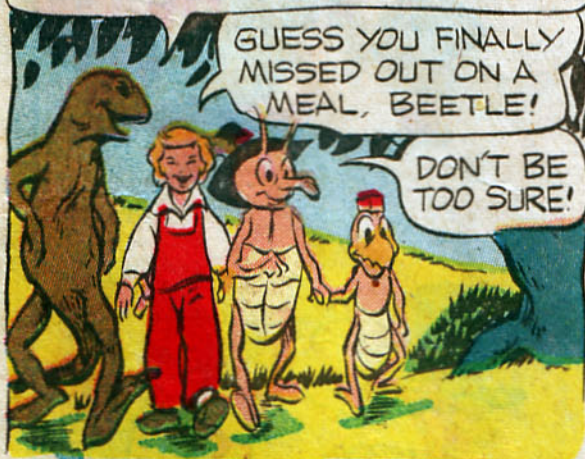
WELL, I GUESS  
WE CAN ALL GO  
AND HAVE  
BREAKFAST  
NOW!



IT'S TOO LATE FOR BREAKFAST,  
PETER-IT'S ALMOST LUNCH TIME!

GUESS YOU FINALLY  
MISSED OUT ON A  
MEAL, BEETLE!

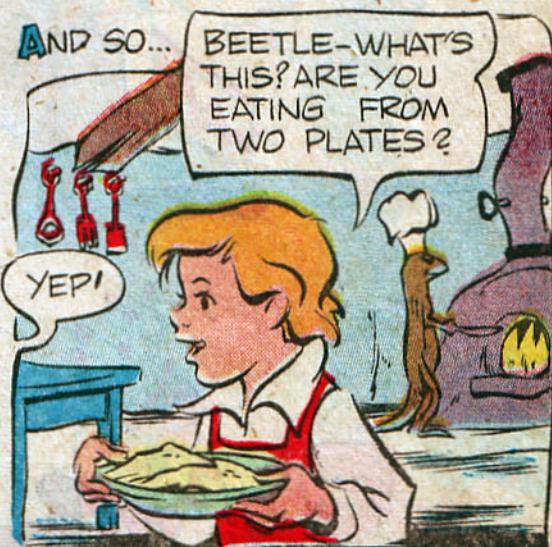
DON'T BE  
TOO SURE!



AND SO...

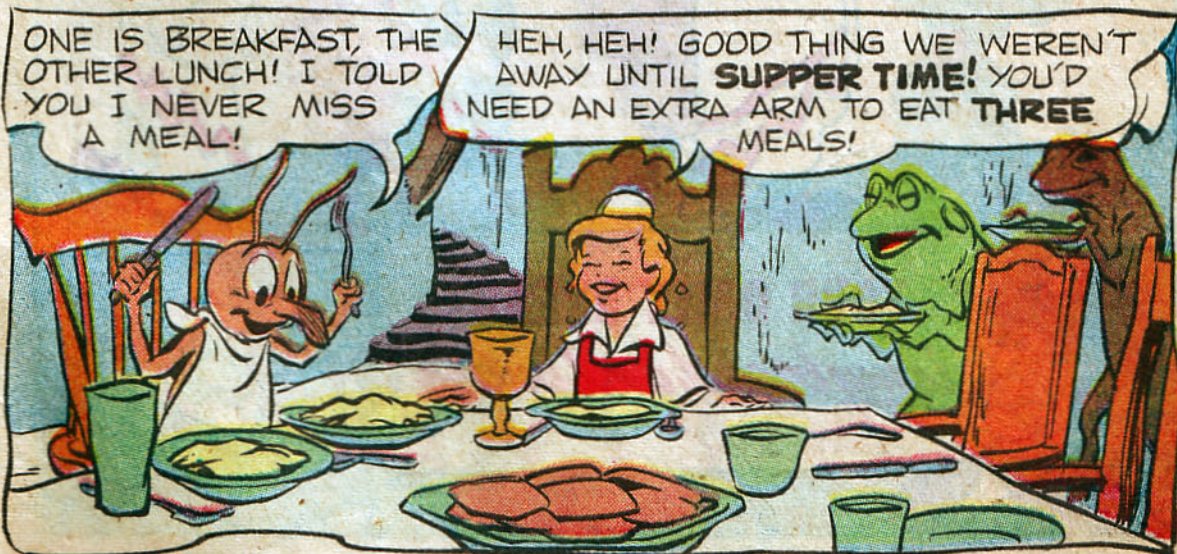
BEETLE-WHAT'S  
THIS? ARE YOU  
EATING FROM  
TWO PLATES?

YEP!



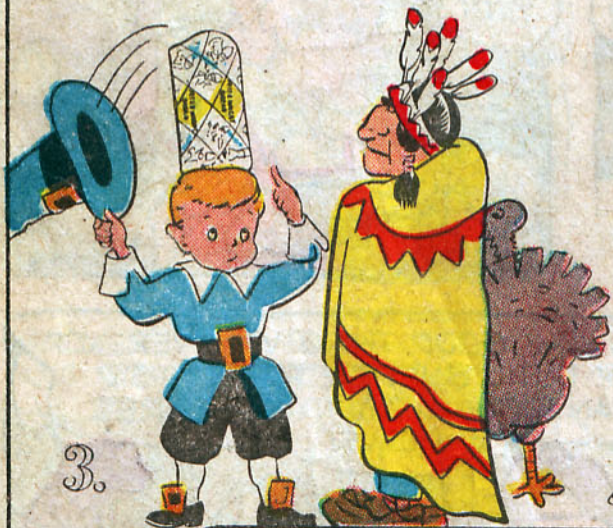
ONE IS BREAKFAST, THE  
OTHER LUNCH! I TOLD  
YOU I NEVER MISS  
A MEAL!

HEH, HEH! GOOD THING WE WEREN'T  
AWAY UNTIL **SUPPER TIME!** YOU'D  
NEED AN EXTRA ARM TO EAT **THREE**  
MEALS!





# "Peter"



**YOUR DAILY BREAD**  
*is my bread and butter*



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